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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RUPEES: PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 13846; (B) STATE 232696

1. APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SENT REFTEL A. WE EXPECTED THAT INITIALLING WOULD GENERATE PUBLICITY HERE AS WELL AS IN INDIA; OUR WORRY WAS (AND IS) THAT INACCURATE OR MISLEADING STORIES MAY CREATE FRESH DIFFICULTIES FOR US, ESPECIALLY ON HILL. BYRD AMENDMENT NO. III, WHICH REPORTED SEPTTEL, MAKES CLEAR THAT ALL POTENTIAL PITFALLS NOT YET BEHIND US.

2. WE ARE IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTEL A, BUT WE WOULD LIKE ANY STATEMENTS, FACT SHEETS, OR BRIEFINGS TO INCLUDE PRECISE STATEMENT OF US LEGIS-
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LATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED

BEFORE COMPLETION OF SETTLEMENT:

-- INITIALLING AS FIRST STEP;

-- TRANSMISSION OF THE SETTLEMENT BY PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS;

-----AGREEMENT'S LYING BEFORE THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW FOR 30 DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT LAW AND ALSO BEFORE THE FOREIGN RELATIONS/FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES FOR SIMILAR PERIOD AS A RESULT OF RECENT AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

3. THIS PRECISE EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURAL STEPS SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM YOUR OWN COMMENTS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND ELABORATION OF ITS MAIN POINTS, BUT WOULD BE USEFUL LATER WHEN WE EXPLAIN THE AGREEMENT TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES AND SHOULD ALSO HELP ASSURE THAT US NEWS STORIES INCLUDE REFERENCE TO NEED FOR SETTLEMENT TO PASS MUSTER ON HILL BEFORE IT CAN ENTER INTO EFFECT. FOR SYMMETRY, YOU MAY WANT INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY REQUIREMENTS ON INDIAN SIDE AS WELL AS OUR OWN. WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF PUBLICITY WITH SENATOR COOPER AND IDEA IN PARA 2 ABOVE OF PRECISE ELABORATION OF CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IS HIS PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION. HE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER HAVING THIS AT BEGINNING OF YOUR STATEMENT.

4. ON RELEASE OF TEXT OF SETTLEMENT, WE AGREE THAT THIS SHOULD AWAIT TRANSMISSION BY PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS. WE WOULD ALSO EXPECT TO CLEAR TEXT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT. RUSH

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